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COPY OF EXTRACT FROM THE PETITION OF ACCOUNTANTS AND UPPER DIVISION CLERKS OF THE PYKARA ELECTRICITY SYSTEM.

(iv) The Book-Keeping examination is held at present only once a year, i.e., in the month of April. This serves as a serious handicap to us for the reason that we have to take our chance once only in each year and we are deprived of the chance of preparing for the examination within the next two or 3 months of the announcement of the results published for the previous examination (as can be done in the case of examinations held twice a year, e.g., Account Test for Subordinate Officers, Electricity Department Account Test etc.,) in case we fail to pass in that examination. It will be appreciated that if the Book-keeping examination is held twice a year, we will not lose touch with the subject but will start concentrating on our studies for the next examination coming off within the next 2 or 3 months and the preparation made by us for the previous examination will not be forgotten so soon. Thus much preparation and strain is not necessary if the examination is held twice a year. The holding of the examination once a year as at present does not at all facilitiate our studies, as preparation has to be started afresh, after a lapse of some months, from the date of publication of the results of the previous examination, and by this time we completely forget subjects studied previously.

This hardship is to some extent relieved in the case of Book-keeping Lower Examination, as the Government have since recognised that a pass in the Commercial Book-Keeping held in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination and the Commercial Book-keeping portion of the L.F.Audit Department Test as equivalent to a pass in the Book-keeping lower. It is therefore requested that the Book-keeping Higher Examination is either arranged to be held twice a year or other alternative examinations in commercial Book-keeping (listed below) recognised as equivalent to the Book-keeping Higher Examination, as sufficient opportunities or chances are at present denied to us under the existing arrangements to acquire the Higher qualification.

Name of the Examination.	By whom conducted	Months of the Examination
Higher certificate Examination in Book-keeping and Accountancy of the London Chamber of Commerce which is recognised as an alternative for the G.D.A. Examination for recruitment of Divisional Accountants - Vide Appendix 3 to M.P.W.A. Code relating to "Rules for the public Examination qualifying for admissionto the establishment of Divisional Accountants" (Extract below).	London Chamber of Commerce.	June and December each year.

EXTRACT OF RULE 2(b) OF APPENDIX 3 OF M.P.W.A. CODE.

2.(b) "Persons who have passed the Higher Certificate Examination ~~Book keeping~~ in book keeping and Accountancy of the London Chamber of Commerce, or the Government Diploma Examination in Accountancy, with or without qualifying themselves to hold the diploma itself and hold a certificate of having passed Matriculation Examination of an Indian University or any other Examination of a similar standard of General education, are eligible for appointment as Divisional Accountants without further examination".

(2) All India Book-keeping Examination.	Central Government.	March/April every year.

(TRUE EXTRACT)

EXTRACT FROM THE LETTER NO.402-D/50-26 Dt.25--1--1952 FROM THE CHIEF OPERATION ENGINEERS (NORTH & SOUTH), 157, MOUNT ROAD, MADRAS-2, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MADRAS.

9. It will also help the candidates if arrangements are made for holding the book-keeping examination twice a year and I recommend that this request of the petitioners may also be considered favourably.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS, MADRAS, R.C.No.190-D/52, DATED 28TH JULY, 1952.

SUB: Examinations - Government Technical - Book-keeping - Conduct of - Twice a year.

READ: Government Memo No.25289-F/52-1, Education, dated 5--7--1952.

In resubmitting herewith with the above reference, I am to submit the following remarks:-

Although the number of candidates in the subject of Book-keeping is increasing year by year, yet the number is not appreciably great, and, even with the examination held once a year, the percentage of failures is greater than the percentage of passes - vide the enclosed statement regarding the number of candidates appeared for the examination and passed during the last 5 years. It requires a full year's practice and study for candidates to acquit themselves at all creditably in this examination. Methodical instruction and regular practice should precede an examination, and this is specially so in the case of Book-keeping, wherein candidates have to practise exercises, work out problems and learn the art of putting up journal entries, etc. A thorough knowledge of the fundamental principles of Book-keeping coupled with varied and sufficient experience in working out practical exercises and the cultivation of habits of quickness and neatness of execution would alone ensure success at an examination. These skills can be acquired not within a short period, but it may require a full year. If the examination is to be held twice a year, the percentage of passes would diminish, the candidates would pay the fees oftener than at present and pressure would be brought to bear to lower the standard of the examination which will be undesirable.

2. I give below a statement showing the number of candidates who appeared in Book-keeping for the last 3 years from the Electricity Department.

YEAR.	BOOK-KEEPING.	
	Lower.	Higher.
1950. ...	22	24
1951. ...	28	28
1952. ...	19	35

From the above, it will be seen that the number appearing from the Electricity Department is not appreciably great, and it is not possible to conduct the examination twice a year for such small numbers.

3. In G.O.No.Ms.285, Public Department, dated 23-3-1931, Government have ceased to recognise as a qualification for Public Service, any of the examinations in the Commercial Subjects conducted by local agents in India on behalf of examining bodies outside India.

4. In the light of the above facts, I do not recommend the holding of the examination in Book-keeping twice a year.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ABSTRACT

EXAMINATIONS - Government Technical - Book Keeping holding twice a year - request - Not complied with.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.2315. dated 7th October 1952.

READ:

From the Chief Operation Engineers No.402 D/50-26 dated 25-1-1952.
From the Chief Examiner Commissioner for Government Examinations R.C.190 D/52 dated 28-7-52.
Read G.O.No.2964, P.W.D., dated 9-7-52.

ORDER:

The Government do not consider it necessary to hold the examination in Book-Keeping twice a year.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To the Chief Engineer (Electricity)
(through the P.W.D.).
" " Commissioner for Government Examinations.

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